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EVAN MACY, SPORTS EDITOR

Walk down a Center City Philly street, and there's a pretty good chance someone will try and sell you an Eagles shirt. Bootlegging is a proud Philadelphia tradition — and perhaps a dying industry. Contrary to what I thought heading to Villanova's championship parade on Thursday, sales have never been worse (at least that's what some gentleman selling Villanova gear told me). How can that be? We take a deep dive into the world of bootleg shirts on page 4. Visit **metrophilly.us** for more.

TRUMP SAYS HE DID NOT KNOW OF PORN STAR MONEY

1 President Donald Trump, in his first public remarks about an intimate relationship he has been accused of having with an adult film star, said on Thursday he did not know about a $130,000 payment made by his lawyer to actress Stormy Daniels to keep her quiet. The White House has denied that Trump had sex with Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford. Daniels has said she and Trump had sex once in 2006. Asked why his lawyer, Michael Cohen, paid the money if the allegations were untrue, Trump told reporters on Air Force One, "You'll have to ask Michael Cohen. Michael's my attorney." Asked if he knew about the payment to Daniels, Trump said, "No." Asked if he knew where the money came from to pay Daniels, Trump told reporters, "No, I don't know." Cohen has said he paid Daniels out of his own pocket. Last month, Daniels sued Cohen to be released from the non-disclosure agreement she signed in October 2016 in exchange for the $130,000 payment from him. Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, said Trump's admission that he did not know about the agreement bolstered his client's case to be released from the deal.

GOVT PROBING FACEBOOK/ RUSSIA DATA CONNECTION

2 Investigators on two congressional panels are looking into whether Russia acquired the data of millions of Facebook users and if companies with ties to then-2016 Republican election candidate Donald Trump's campaign played any role in providing it, three sources familiar with the inquiries said. On Tuesday, Facebook said it had deleted 70 Facebook accounts, 138 Facebook pages and 65 Instagram accounts that it said were "controlled" by the Internet Research Agency (IRA), a Russian propaganda arm based in St. Petersburg. Last September, Facebook disclosed that it had suspended about 470 "inauthentic accounts" that it believed were "likely operated out of Russia" and that had purchased 3,000 ads which "appeared to focus on amplifying divisive social and political messages." And on Wednesday, the social media platform said the personal information of up to 87 million users, mostly in the United States, may have been improperly shared with political consultancy Cambridge Analytica, up from a previous news media estimate of more than 50 million. CEO Mark Zuckerberg will testify on April 10 and 11 to Congress.

KING FELIPE OF SPAIN RECEIVES AMBASSADORS AT ROYAL PALACE

3 King Felipe VI of Spain, left, receives the new ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Spain, Christian Ebner, center, at the Royal Palace on April 5, 2018, in Madrid.

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POLICE INVESTIGATE CONOR MCGREGOR AFTER BRAWL

4 New York police are investigating an incident in which UFC lightweight champion Conor McGregor allegedly caused chaos at Brooklyn's Barclays Center on Thursday by gatecrashing a media event ahead of UFC 223 on Saturday. McGregor is alleged to have entered the building through a side entrance with his entourage before trying to attack a van containing Russian lightweight contender Khabib Nurmagomedov and other fighters as they prepared to leave. New York Police Department spokesperson Tarik Sheppard said they were "looking into the incident" but that as of yet no arrests or warrants had been issued. Video footage circulated on social media showed McGregor running in a loading area and picking up a trash can. Clips shot from inside the van showed an object hitting and cracking the vehicle's windshield before the driver reversed away. "This is the most disgusting thing that has ever happened in the history of the company," UFC president Dana White told website MMA Junkie. Nurmagomedov is due to face Max Holloway in a showdown for McGregor's belt, which he won in 2016 but never defended.

TRUMP PLANS $100 BILLION IN NEW TARIFFS ON CHINA

5 President Donald Trump said on Thursday he had instructed U.S. trade officials to consider $100 billion in additional tariffs on China, fueling an already heated trade dispute between the world's two biggest economies. Trump said in a statement the further tariffs were being considered "in light of China's unfair retaliation" against earlier U.S. trade actions that included $50 billion of tariffs on Chinese goods. He added that the U.S. Trade Representative had determined that China "has repeatedly engaged in practices to unfairly obtain America's intellectual property." U.S. stock index futures fell in reaction to Trump's latest statement. Financial markets have swung wildly in response to fears of escalating trade tensions between Washington and Beijing. "Rather than remedy its misconduct, China has chosen to harm our farmers and manufacturers," Trump said. The tariffs are aimed at forcing changes to Chinese government policies aimed at transferring U.S. intellectual property to Chinese companies. The tariffs have stirred fears that the countries will spiral into a trade war that will crush global growth.

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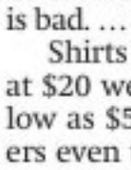
T-shirt vendors have reported decreased sales despite Philadelphia teams' recent championship victories and citywide celebrations. JENNIFER KERRIGAN

As Philadelphia teams win big, local T-shirt bootleggers lose

Why are street venders, selling Eagles and Villanova gear, having issues moving merchandise?



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In theory, it should be a gold mine for bootleg T-shirt sellers in Philadelphia right now.

The Eagles won the Super Bowl in February, Villanova just won the NCAA basketball National Championship, the Sixers are cashing in on The Process and heading to the playoffs, and the Flyers should be postseason participants as well.

"It ain't no business at all. We wasn't making no money," said a T-shirt vendor who declined to give his name just after Villanova paraded down Market Street Thursday. "This is bad. … It's a lot of kids."

Shirts initially priced at $20 were slashed to as low as $5 by many venders even though a decent turnout of fans gathered just next to City Hall to watch Villanova coach Jay Wright and his players celebrate in unseasonably cold weather on a weekday morning.

This wasn't only on Nova's parade day. It happened for the Eagles, too.

With 2 million fans, give or take, crammed into the city for the Eagles' first-ever Super Bowl parade, many vendors were licking their chops — like North Philly's Chris Johnson, who set up shop at 5 a.m. Unexpectedly, by 5 p.m. he still hadn't sold out.

"It sold but it didn't seem like it was supposed to," Johnson said. "Given that this was the Eagles' first Super Bowl, it should have been a sellout."

Johnson said he has sold out before, most memorably when "the Giants won their last Super Bowl [a few years ago], when Obama got elected both times and the Phillies, definitely when they won the last World Series." He thinks it's the timing, partially, paired with a changing economy that cost him and his fellow bootleggers lots of money this winter.

"Personally, I believe it's because they gave too many days before the parade," he said. "The Super Bowl was Sunday, the parade was Tuesday, supposedly, but it ended up being Thursday, which gave fans time to go Models or order it online."

> **"It ain't no business at all. We wasn't making no money."**
> Anonymous T-shirt vendor

Another potential explanation is America's transformation to a credit card culture. Few kids carry cash anymore, a T-shirt vender told Metro, impacting sales.

Super Bowl gear, in all, sold extremely well, with Fanatics.com reporting a 50 percent increase this year in championship gear sales compared to the last high-water mark set by Seahawks fans three years ago.

And for Justin Ashby, an entrepreneur who owns The Heat Check, a retail store selling sneakers and sports apparel, he is taking in some extra cash too.

"The Eagles, anything I printed up, whether it was a catch phrase or a picture of Nick Foles, it was selling," said Ashby, whose second location happens to be just outside of Minneapolis where the Birds won Super Bowl 52. "After they won the championship, Modell's opened at 5, 6 a.m., but I was able to charge 15 bucks a shirt. And it wasn't even the official licenced shirt, and I had a demand on that for sure."

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Drug Companies Fear Release Of New $2 Sex Pill For Older Men

Men in clinical trial see huge boost in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity without side effects.

NEW YORK - It's hard to believe that in America today an affordable pill that could improve the sex lives of millions of men is in danger of being yanked from the shelves. And it's just because big drug companies fear for their profits.

The pharmaceutical industry is desperately trying to stop shipments of the remarkable new "JackedUp" pill.Big Pharma is worried because men are reporting increased sex drive, stronger erections and more stamina - all without the side-effects and $40-per-pill price tag associated with drugs like Viagra. Clinical results show men feel these benefits within just a few weeks of taking JackedUp's active ingredient.

The pill, made for men over 50, was released early last month. Despite Big Pharma's efforts, sales have already exceeded expectations.

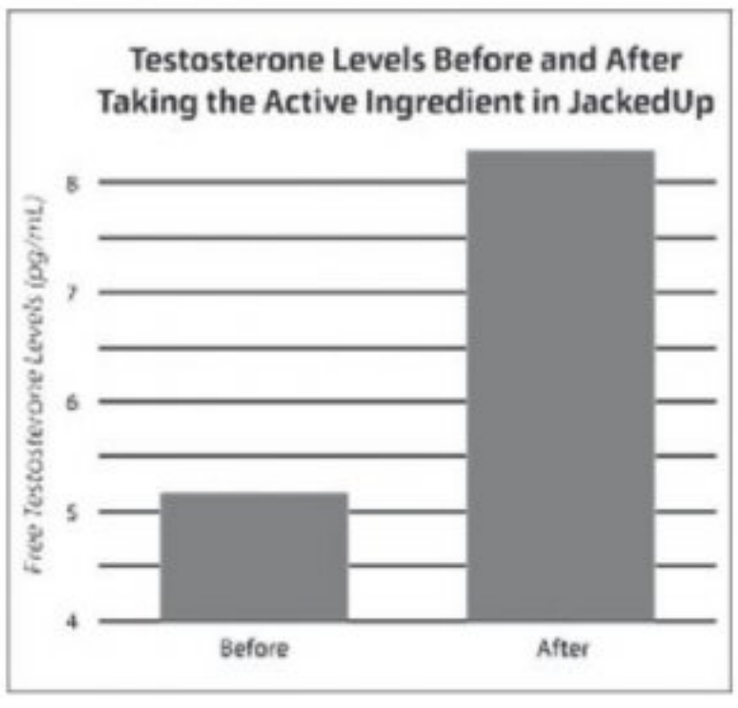
> *"**If you're over 50** and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. **Drug companies do NOT want men to know about this afforable new pill..."***

Exciting Benefits

There are very good reasons why sales are booming and drug companies want it gone. Apart from costing just two dollars per daily dose, the clinical results confirm JackedUp's active ingredient is very impressive. It greatly boosts a man's ability to get and keep erections. Stamina during sex also improves.

The product also has a unique ability to help men feel more passion, desire, and sex drive. These impressive benefits come from boosting testosterone levels by up to a whopping 193%. Doctors are astounded by its effects.

Why do drug companies want this pill stopped? Since the "JackedUp" pill is natural, drug companies can't patent it (like they did with Viagra) and make big profits. Plus, if you're over 50 and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. If you can safely boost your testosterone, *you won't need their expensive pills*. That's the very reason big business is trying to have it pulled from the shelves.



Strong Clinical Results Worry Big Pharma

Recent clinical trials on JackedUp's active ingredient have made the drug companies more desperate. The trial results were published in major medical journals, and doctors are now recommending JackedUp to patients.

The testing was done on men 40 – 65 years old, and the results were remarkable. The men who took the active ingredient in JackedUp reported major improvements in their sex lives. Their ability to get and keep erections went up by over 200%. Libido and sex drive surged. Even staying power and stamina during sex more than doubled!

Head of product development, Dave McNeill, said the big drug companies weren't worried at first. "They didn't care because the active ingredient can take a few weeks before many men really feel the benefits. But these awesome clinical trials really got their attention. They're learning A LOT of men will wait a few weeks if it means avoiding negative side effects and saving money."

How It Works

The "JackedUp" pill works by helping older men produce more testosterone. It doesn't force dangerous fake testosterone into your body like injections do. Instead, it works with your body to produce testosterone naturally. And the results have been extraordinary. It's like your body reboots itself to feel like it did in the prime of your life.

Initial Users Are Thrilled...And Worried

"JackedUp has been awesome for my sex drive and performance! I'm worried it may not be available in the future. The idea that it may be taken away just to secure some big drug company's profits is very frustrating."

- Rob H., 49 years old, Colorado Springs, CO

"My wife and I were both sexually vibrant until I had prostate cancer. After my surgery we tried everything my doctor recommended but nothing worked. Within a few weeks of taking JackedUp, everything has been functioning beautifully and we've been riding high ever since!"

- Ken S., 78 years old, Phoenix, AZ

Doctors Speak Out

Drug companies are also concerned that doctors are now recommending JackedUp. The active ingredient has strong clinical results and lacks the side effects seen in current drugs on the market. This makes it an easy option for doctors to suggest.

Big Pharma Worried: Older men are having better sex after taking the newly released $2 pill called JackedUp. Clinical trials show active ingredient triggers surge in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity in older men.

Dr. Laguna-Bedia, a specialist in internal medicine says, "A lot of men think their lack of interest and inability to perform are simply parts of aging. This is just not true. JackedUp can help these men regain a healthy appetite for sex and the physical ability to perform."

"JackedUp works by boosting key male hormones without side effects. The benefits of these hormones to sexual health are well known, but they actually do more than that. Men also report more energy, less body fat and higher motivation," said Dr. G. Pereira, a renowned surgeon in Florida.

Dr. Jacob Moss notes, "I recommend JackedUp if you're struggling with getting and keeping erections or low libido. It's also a great option for men who want to last longer and have more control over when they orgasm."

Special Opportunity for Our Readers

Drug companies are fighting hard to get rid of this product. This is making inventory disappear fast. Thankfully, a special discounted supply has been reserved for Metro Philadelphia readers. But only for those who call within the next 48 hours.

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Experience Villanova's Center City victory parade in photos

Thousands turned out Thursday for Villanova's victory parade through Center City, and as the photos demonstrate, it was an event not to be missed.

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On a cold, sunny Thursday, a village-worth of Villanova Wildcats fans descended on Center City to celebrate the team's recent victory over Michigan.

Fans said Nova's repeat NCAA Championship win will cement their team's reputation in college basketball.

"It's tremendous," said Ryan Disdier, a Nova student from Haddonfield. "Riding the heals of the Eagles' Super Bowl run, the 76ers and Flyers playing so well after that, it's great for our city."

While the Wildcats 79-62 defeat of the Michigan Wolverines was a more solid victory and less dramatic than their 2016 win over North Carolina, it was still satisfying, fans said.

"You don't think this is ever going to happen, we got Donte [DiVincenzo] going crazy, Kris Jenkins going crazy last time," said Danny Jenkins, a Nova student from New Jersey. "The last one was unreal because it was a buzzer beater but this one is just as sweet."

Villanova coach Jay Wright thanked Philadelphia for celebrating the team in his remarks from the stage during the rally the parade ended with at Dilworth Park.

"We do this so much in Philadelphia now, I thought you guys would be get tired of parades. But no, you showed strong. … We are so proud to be part of this," Wright said. "This is truly a Philly team."

Unlike the Philadelphia Eagles' lengthy march from South Broad Street to the Art Museum, the Wildcats marched a short route that was identical to the one they took when they won the 2016 championship. Revelers donned blue and carried Villanova's signature blue "Vs" as they lined the streets eager to cheer on their winning team. After their march, around noon, the team stopped by a rally in their honor at Dilworth Park.

Additional reporting by Sam Newhouse

The Wildcats marched a short route that was identical to the one they took when they won the 2016 championship. ALL PHOTOS JENNIFER KERRIGAN

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Saving the Pine Barrens tree frog at the Philly Environmental Film Fest

The story of a rare local amphibian will be featured at Philly's Earth-centric film festival.

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New Jersey's Pine Barrens is one of the only habitats in the world where the Pine Barrens tree frog can thrive, but most of its human neighbors may not even know it exists.

"They're almost impossible to find," said Dr. Carlos Martinez Rivera, amphibian conservation biologist at the Philadelphia Zoo. "But if you go to the right swamp at the right time of day, you'll be deafened with the sound of Pine Barrens tree frogs."

This type of tree frog, Hyla andersonii, known for its emerald green color, is named after South Jersey's massive forest and is only known to live in two other places, the Carolinas and Florida panhandle. But in New Jersey, Rivera is concerned that encroaching residential development could be throwing off the balance of the specific environmental factors that tree frogs need to live. He tells this story in "Thriving With Their Feet Wet," a short film by Mitchell Smith that will be among the offerings at the second annual Philly Environmental Film Festival (PEFF) this weekend.

"I think you come away feeling concerned but also inspired. None of our films would leave you feeling hopeless," said Debra Wolf Goldstein, PEFF executive director and co-founder. "If there are ones that do leave you feeling, 'Oh, this problem is just so large,' we balance it with shorts that tell inspiring stories about solutions because there are solutions out there."

A Pine Barrens tree frog (Hyla andersonii), one of 43 endangered or threatened species living in New Jersey's Pine Barrens. ALL PHOTOS DR. CARLOS MARTINEZ RIVERA

Goldstein started this festival last year with Artistic Director Alexandra Diagne. She said Philadelphia's growing sustainability movement, from watershed work by the Water Department to ongoing investments and upgrades to the city's treasured Fairmount Park, the largest urban park system in the country, make it a place ripe to hold such a festival.

"We're looking for films that really bring the planet to Philadelphia," Goldstein said. "These environmental films highlight people's stories. They're not dry documentaries spouting numbers and statistics — they're interesting stories about how people are dealing with climate change."

Philadelphians will have the opportunity to learn a lot about their environment at the festival, from the Pine Barrens tree frog to the impact of Sankofa Community Farm at Bartram's Garden in Southwest Philly, and a film focusing on the challenges faced by the Delaware River Watershed, which provides drinking water to 15 million people from the Poconos to the Delaware Bay.

But some films show the potentially apocalyptic side of climate change. "Anote's Ark" studies the tiny island nation of Kiribati, which is slowly being flooded and which is seeking to buy land in New Zealand so the entire nation can move there.

"They're like the canary in a gold mine," Goldstein said. "What happens to them is going to happen to all our coastal areas, eventually — it's a matter of time."

The second annual Philadelphia Environmental Film Festival runs April 6 to 8, 2018.

A block of Philly-centric films will be shown at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, including "Thriving With Their Feet Wet," which will be followed by a discussion with Rivera.

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NY attorney general probing Brooklyn police shooting death

The New York attorney general's office is investigating the fatal shooting by police of an unarmed black man who pointed a metal pipe at officers in Brooklyn in the latest such killing to prompt street protests.

The death of Saheed Vassell on Wednesday was one of a string of fatal shootings of unarmed black men by police that has fueled a renewed debate about racial bias in the criminal justice system.

"We're committed to conducting an independent, comprehensive and fair investigation," Amy Spitalnick, a spokeswoman for New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, said in a statement Thursday.

Police said Vassell was killed by officers responding to reports of a man aiming a gun at people in the street. When the officers arrived, police said, Vassell took a two-handed shooting stance and pointed an object them.

Saheed Vassell was shot and killed by police officers Wednesday.
FACEBOOK/SAHEED VASSELL

The officers believed the suspect was holding a firearm, a senior police official told a news conference Wednesday, and three plainclothes officers and one uniformed officer fired 10 shots. Vassell later died in a hospital.

Local media reported Vassell was 34 years old, suffered from mental illness, and was well known in that part of Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood.

Activists there planned a rally for Thursday to demand justice, and by midday more than 800 people had indicated on Facebook that they would attend.

His killing followed the fatal shooting by police of an unarmed black man, Stephon Clark, 22, in Sacramento, California, that has sparked more than two weeks of demonstrations. Officers responding to a report of someone breaking windows killed Clark on March 18 in his grandmother's yard. The officers feared he had a gun, but it turned out he was holding a cellphone, Sacramento police said.

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Dem pleads guilty to charges related to special election

Honkala criticizes contest for 197th District as poll worker pleads guilty to not living in the district.

"They were robbed. The 2,000 people that donated to my campaign were robbed."
Cheri Honkala

Cheri Honkala, left, lost the special election for state representative in the 197th District to Democrat Emilio Vazquez, right. A Democratic poll worker pleaded guilty to charges stemming from that election Wednesday. SAM NEWHOUSE/COURTESY OF STATE REP. VAZQUEZ

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One of the four Democratic workers charged with electioneering in the city's 43rd ward during a special election for the state House's 197th District, last year pleaded guilty in court Wednesday.

In front of Philadelphia Judge Scott DiClaudio, Calvin Mattox, 52, pleaded guilty to charges that found that he wasn't qualified to be working the polls that day, as Mattox was not a resident of the ward in which he was working.

In a short proceeding, Mattox was sentenced to one-year of non-reporting probation and he will be prohibited from voting until the year 2022.

Of the three others charged along with Mattox — Dolores Shaw, 61, Thurman George, 57 and Wallace Hill, 60 —Shaw has been sentenced to a diversionary program while George and Hill are set to have court dates in May.

The other election workers were charged with violating the election code by allowing electioneering in polling places, such as letting Democrats pass out campaign literature, and letting people follow voters into the polling booths.

After the sentencing, Cheri Honkala, who was the candidate for the Green party in that special election, said the sentence doesn't account for the $100,000 her supporters spent on her campaign.

"They were robbed. The 2,000 people that donated to my campaign were robbed," she said.

Democratic leader of the 43rd ward, Emilio Vazquez, won the special election to the position of U.S. Representative, but to Honkala, the entire process has shown problems in the city's electoral system.

"For me, this was an educational process. Because, I've learned that you can just buy elections," she said.

Vazquez could not immediately be reached for comment.

A contested election in the 197th

Vazquez, a Democrat, won a write-in campaign in the March 2017 special election for the position of 197th District state rep, which comes with a salary of $86,478.

The election was unusual in that only Republican candidate Lucinda Little was on the ballot. The previous Democratic nominee was booted from the ballot for not actually living in the district. Vazquez was nominated at the last minute. Green Party candidate and longtime local activist Honkala, whose nomination papers had been rejected by the state board, ran a tenacious write-in campaign, while Republicans also campaigned hard to grab the district.

Ultimately, Vazquez won with 75 percent of the vote. But Honkala and Little alleged widespread electioneering and illegally aggressive campaign tactics by Democrats, and sued the Philadelphia City Democratic Committee and election officials to have the election reversed. That lawsuit is pending.

Additional reporting by Sam Newhouse

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Mexican president joins political foes to blast Trump's border strategy

The White House says mobilizing the National Guard was part of Trump's strategy to stop illegal immigrants from entering the country.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Thursday sharply rebuked Donald Trump over his plan to send National Guard troops to the border, joining with opponents to tell the U.S. leader not to vent his domestic political "frustration" on Mexico.

Trump has been unable to get the U.S. Congress or Mexico to fully fund his planned border wall, and Trump said Thursday he will probably keep National Guard troops along the Mexican border until it is built.

In an unusually combative address, a stern-looking Pena Nieto urged Trump to stop sowing discord between the two nations and demanded a more respectful tone in bilateral relations.

"If your recent declarations are due to frustration over issues to do with internal policy, your laws or your Congress, direct yourself to them, not to Mexicans," Pena Nieto said.

For months Mexico has been locked in tortuous negotiations with the United States and Canada to rework the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), but hopes have risen recently that some kind of preliminary deal could be within reach.

"President Trump, if you want to reach agreements with Mexico, we stand ready," Pena Nieto said, before adding: "We will not allow negative rhetoric to define our actions."

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto took a combative stance against President Trump's border strategy. GETTY IMAGES

Pena Nieto and Trump have had a strained relationship ever since the New Yorker launched his campaign in 2015 with the claim that some Mexican migrants are criminals and rapists.

Pena Nieto has faced criticism for failing to take a tough line against Trump in the past. Trump's comments have thrust the countries' relationship into the center of Mexico's presidential campaign, where Pena Nieto's party is trailing.

All the country's presidential candidates on Thursday criticized Trump's plan to militarize the border.

The front-runner in the race, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, said Trump's scheme was political "propaganda" based on misinformation that aimed to stir up "xenophobia" and "racism."

"This great threat on the southern border of the United States that he says is there, does not exist," said the leftist Lopez Obrador, who has a double-digit lead in most polls.

Ricardo Anaya, the second-place contender who heads a right-left coalition, echoed a Senate motion on Wednesday calling on the government to end cooperation with the United States on migration and security if Trump did not back down.

"You cannot negotiate or cooperate with threats," he said.

Jose Antonio Meade, candidate of Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, also attacked the border plan, and independent Margarita Zavala called it a "historic error" and a "hostile act" in a letter to Trump. REUTERS

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Is cellphone radiation good for people?

A study of cell phone radiation on rats had the exact opposite results you'd expect.

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Since we're already living in Bizarro World, consider this: What if decades of rumors about cell phone radiation were totally wrong? What if, instead of causing cancer, it actually helps you live longer?

That's what a writer for Mother Jones said newly released animal research appears to show.

Kevin Drum examined the National Toxicology Program's final draft report, a study of the effect of cellphone radiation on rats. What he found was just about the opposite of the worst-case scenario about radiation and cancer. Rats with no exposure to radiation died younger, and radiation exposure appeared to prevent the most common fatal disease in the species.

The specifics of the cellphone radiation study

"The study found that a very small number of male rats exposed to radiation developed malignant gliomas, though oddly, there was no dose-response effect: rats exposed to low levels of radiation developed gliomas at the same rate as those exposed to high levels," Drum wrote. "In any case, the overall effect was not statistically significant. Female rats showed no ill effects at all. The same was true for schwannoma tumors (which are often benign): male rats showed a small increase while female rats didn't."

The study said there was "some evidence" of cancer-causing activity based on those schwannomas, but it was low and confined to males.

Drum also pointed out this finding in the report: "In males, survival was greater in all exposed groups compared to sham controls, though it was statistically significant only in the 1.5 and 3 W/kg groups. Survival in the sham control group was 28 percent compared to 48 percent, 62 percent and 48 percent in the 1.5, 3, and 6 W/kg groups, respectively."

In other words, the rats that weren't exposed to radiation lived less than half as long as rats exposed to the medium dose of radiation. And rats exposed to the most radiation still lived longer.

The authors said the control group largely died of kidney disease, which is common in the strain of rat used for such studies. But the groups exposed to radiation had less occurrence of the disease — and the higher the radiation dose, the less disease there was. The study's authors said the radiation may have reduced inflammation that tends to cause the illness.

The peer review of the study was held last week, Drum said. The review panels voted to accept the report's conclusions. But there was no discussion of the longevity findings. "I'm not sure what we should make of this," he wrote.

A study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family in August 2016 reported that couples who share household duties have more sex. GETTY IMAGES

Want to keep your relationship strong? Do those dirty dishes

A report from the Council on Contemporary Families (CCF) revealed that, of all the household chores women want their male counterparts to help out with, dishes take the cake. Good ol' washing and drying. The research, slated for publication later this month, explained that women who washed dishes a majority of the time reported more relationship conflict and lower sexual satisfaction. (Code red.)

Doing chores that involve cleaning — which have been traditionally viewed as "women's work" — are far from glamorous. Women resent taking these on alone because they "see themselves as relegated to the tasks that people don't find desirable," Dan Carlson, assistant professor of family and consumer studies at the University of Utah and lead study author, told The Atlantic.

Scrubbing dishes just happens to be the worst of these tasks.

"Doing dishes is gross," Carlson said. "There is old, moldy food sitting in the sink. If you have kids, there is curdled milk in sippy cups that smells disgusting." (Tell us something we don't know.)

Carlson added that splitting household chores, especially dishwashing, benefits your relationship and pointed out that, unlike other chores, washing dishes can easily be turned into a shared activity. "My wife and I could take out the trash together, we could clean the toilet together, but that wouldn't make much sense," he stated.

He's got a point: there's washing and drying, or — more likely — washing and dishwasher duty (i.e. putting dishes in the dishwasher).

"Or they can take turns," co-author Sharon Sassler told MarieClaire.com, "meaning that one partner does not feel put upon every night. It seems to be mainly about not having to deal, all alone, with the huge stack of dishes in the sink."

Carlson wrote in a release on the CCF site that men who did the majority of cleaning tasks reported lower satisfaction with their relationship and sex. But — and here's the important part — "they were just as satisfied when these tasks were shared as when their partner did them." So, basically, sharing these tasks would make women happier and keep men just as happy as when the cleaning is done for them. There's no harm there.

Also, just a note: A study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family in August 2016 reported that couples who share household duties are having more sex. So dive right into that soapy, soggy-food-infested water and do the dishes like grown adults. Your relationship will thank you. SAM BRODSKY

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Wrestling made John Cena a better actor

The "Blockers" star puts it down to the special bond between the WWE and its audience.

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It's no surprise that John Cena's acting career is on an upward trajectory. First of all, the monstrous success of Dwayne Johnson's cinematic efforts helped pave the way for wrestlers, and we all know how Hollywood likes to copy a winning formula.

Cena is different from Johnson, though. Because off the back of his hilarious scene-stealing turn in "Trainwreck," he's remained in the comedy genre with "Blockers," where he once again more than holds his own.

Like Johnson, Cena has stuck to his strengths, mostly because of the huge respect that he has for the audience. Cena recently told Metro that respect is something that he carried over from his wrestling career, and took the time to touch upon his turn in "Blockers," too,

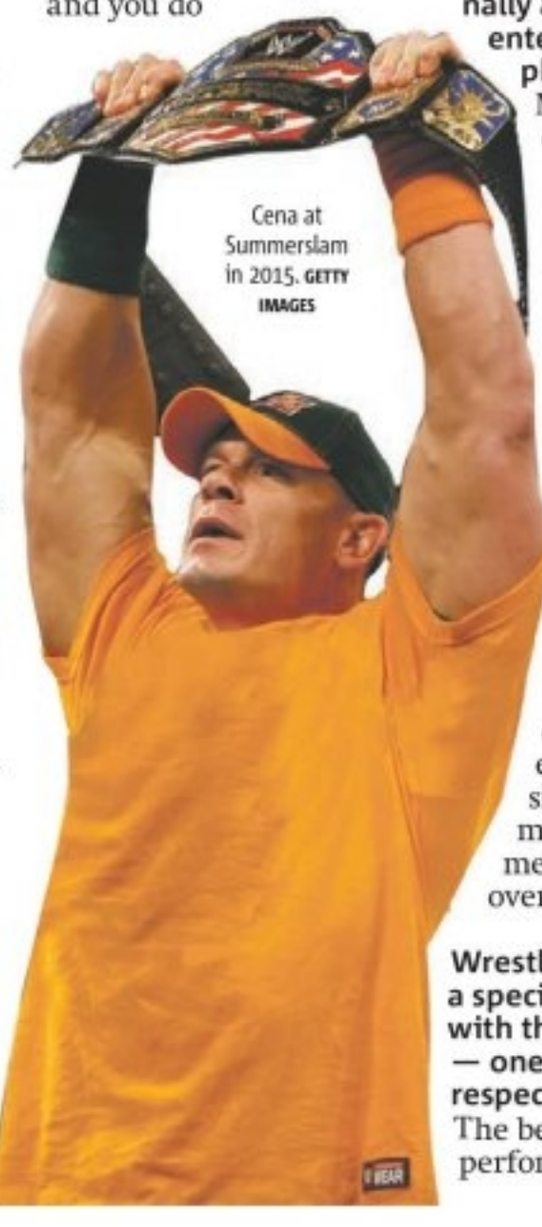
What originally attracted you to "Blockers"?
Well, the story was damn good. It was subject matter that stands the test of time. It's about young women becoming adults, and their parents' inability to understand that.

Do you get nervous about doing comedy?
I'm excited by it. When you walk into the film and know there are intensely funny people in the comedy, you feel relaxed. If I was the only one in it we've got some trouble with!

Did you try and get to know your co-stars beforehand?
Each of us had some time to bond. It was limited, but for the best. The movie's about parents becoming friends because their kids are friends. And the current situation in the movie is that their friendship has almost dissipated. And that played in our favor, in a way. Even though [my character] is trying his best as a dad, he's very distant in what's going on with his actual daughter.

With "Trainwreck" and now this, it feels as though female comedic voices get the best out of you.
I wouldn't restrict it to gender. I'm just fair and have an open mindedness when I walk in. Sometimes I don't get all the jokes. But being humble enough to ask for it to be explained, and knowing I'm just a small piece, allows me to play it better. Because comedy doesn't have a gender.

What have you brought from your time in WWE to being an actor?
I think the elements of WWE that're most valuable to this is the ability to tell stories. And knowing your piece in the whole story. WWE is a very humbling experience. Because the world doesn't revolve around you. The world revolves around the entity and the audience. And you're merely a small piece in the entire entity. A lot of times you might be a very showcased piece, or you can be a minimal piece. But even if you're a minimal piece and you do something memorable it can make memories that last a lifetime.



Cena at Summerslam in 2015. GETTY IMAGES

When it comes to WWE, were you originally attracted to the entertainment or physical side?
Much more the entertainment. Then when you learn your craft you want to be as physically capable as you can be. Trust me — I feel so at home with the WWE because it's a place where you can entertain and show physical prowess at the same time, and be enthusiastic, too. It's definitely the entertainment side that drew me, and has kept me so passionate over the years.

Wrestlers have such a special relationship with their audience — one that's more respectful than actors.
The benefit of live performance, and consistent live performances, being in front of the audience every night, means you aren't sequestered. I usually watch my movies alone or in a screening with my peers. Imagine performing the movie in front of an arena? You'll know what works and what doesn't. Also, imagine turning up for a movie where they say, 'OK, you will be paid nothing. And you will wager yourself on the success of the movie.' At that point you'd become a little bit more invested in the movie's success. And that's kind of how we operate it. It's a weird, family-type grass roots cultural relationship between a WWE performer and a WWE fan. I think it's like nothing else ever. It's prepared me for whole lot, not just in entertainment, but in being a grown man. I never forget that without them, I don't exist. Without the ticket buyer, the moviegoer, I'm not talking to you about "Blockers." I'm doing ... God knows what!

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Steve Buscemi on being robbed by his first mentor and his issue with the 'lovable loser' tag

The screen legend also opens up about his latest movie "Lean on Pete"

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It's the story of a boy and his horse ... and Buscemi, of course. A24

Over the years, Steve Buscemi has gained a reputation for playing lovable losers in films like "Fargo," "Trees Lounge," "The Big Lebowski" and "Ghost World."

But the 60-year-old actor recently told me he actually disagrees with at least part of this label. Losers? How can they be? "They haven't given up."

Buscemi's powerful yet empathetic approach to his roles has turned him into one of the most beloved character actors in movie history.

"Lean on Pete" is yet another example of his prowess, and Metro sat down with him to hear more about the emotional drama.

What originally attracted you to "Lean on Pete"?

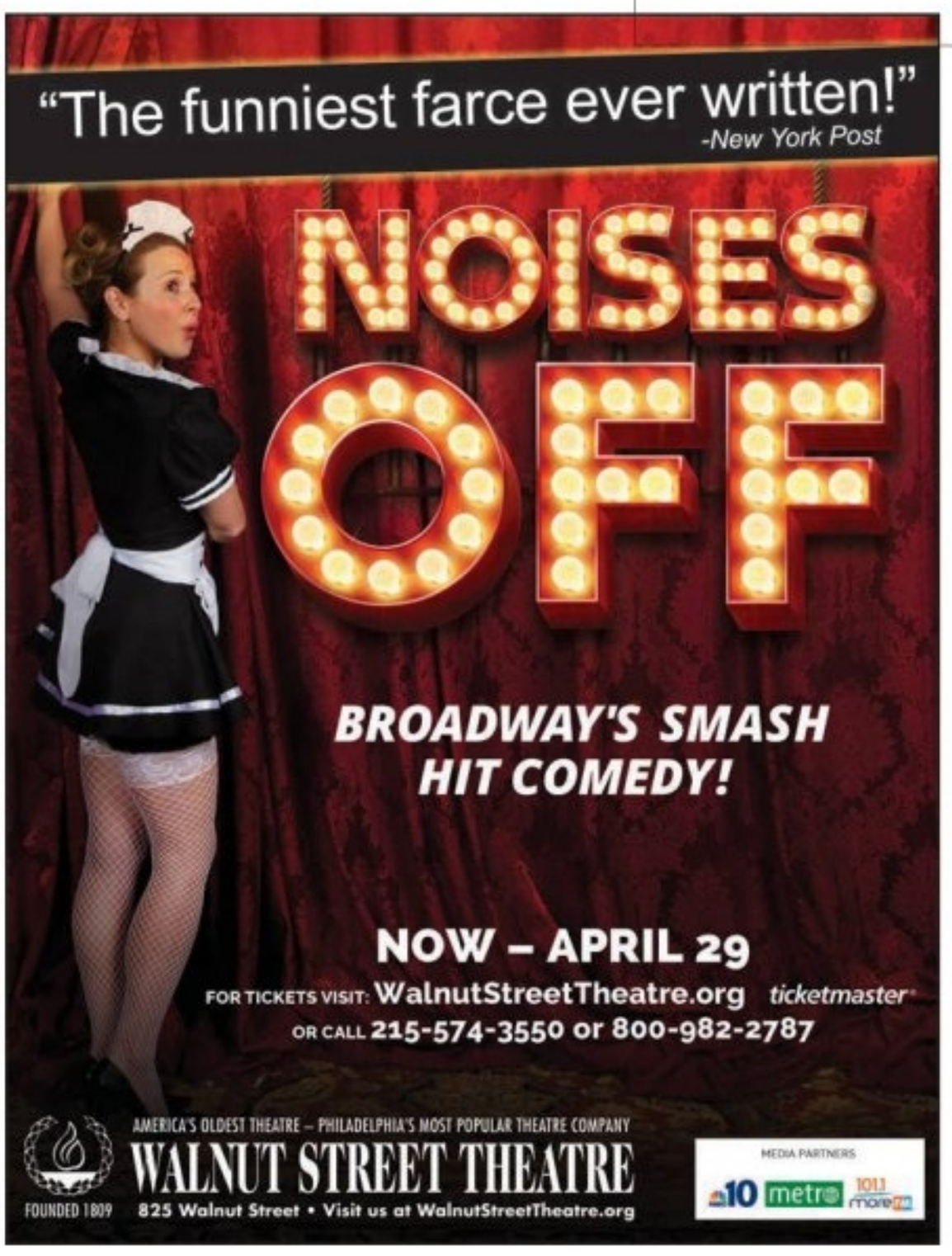
I always look to see who's involved before I even read the script. [Director] Andrew Haigh's work definitely made me interested. I liked the script. I just liked the whole thing. It seemed like a character I could have fun with. I kind of like that he was a hard scrabble guy.

"Lean on Pete" feels like a rare film in the modern movie climate.

Andrew is a rarity. It all comes down to the filmmaker. If you want to make a film like this, you just get it done. There aren't that many films out there that are really about something. You have to search for them. I think the ones that get picked up for release are maybe safer bets. I do think there are filmmakers out there like Andrew that're interested in getting films like this made. I will say that there's a lot that I love about this film — for what it is, and for what it isn't. There's a lot of times it could have slipped into sentimentality or big emotional moments, or musical swelling. It resisted it all. And just kind of told the story. In a simple and powerful way. It would have been so easy to push the emotion.

There's also a strong working-class root to the film that we don't often see nowadays.

Definitely characters like these are underrepresented in film. What I love about "Lean on Pete" is that it's full of heart and makes you think of people like him. Not necessarily people that young, too. But how do people end up like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they do? [The central character of] Charlie is definitely someone who could fall through the cracks of society. It's kind of like he's been through his own warzone. The film isn't without hope, though. Because he has these really rich experiences, too. He gets to see a side of the world that most people are protected from.

This character, Del, is another you play that's described as a lovable loser.

I've never paid much attention to labels. The loveable loser thing I've heard before. But I don't see any of the characters I play as losers. They haven't given up. They're still in the game. Del is still trying hard. If he is loveable, then I take it. But he's a hard ass, too. The world is full of characters like this. When I was Charlie's age, I would always love meeting older characters who were really salty — maybe you didn't want to hang around them too much, but I was always grateful for that experience.

Did you ever have your own mentor? One that guided you, or took advantage of you in some way?

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When I first moved to New York City the guy who lived on my floor, in the first building I ever lived in, which was on Avenue A in the East Village in the late '70s. There was a guy who took a liking to me. He worked for a furniture-moving company. One day they were short and he asked me if I wanted work that day. I did it, [and] he took me under his wing. We became friends. He was an older guy that was into things I was just learning about. He was into the beat poets, Kerouac, and we shared the same musical tastes. He taught me a lot. But he lived hard. He ended up leaving New York for a while. Then coming back a few years later. But in a desperate way. I was living in a bigger place and had a better job. He asked if he could stay with me. He slept on my couch for months. He ended up robbing me and leaving town and I never saw him again [Laughs]. But I don't regret knowing him.

"Lean On Pete" is released April 6.

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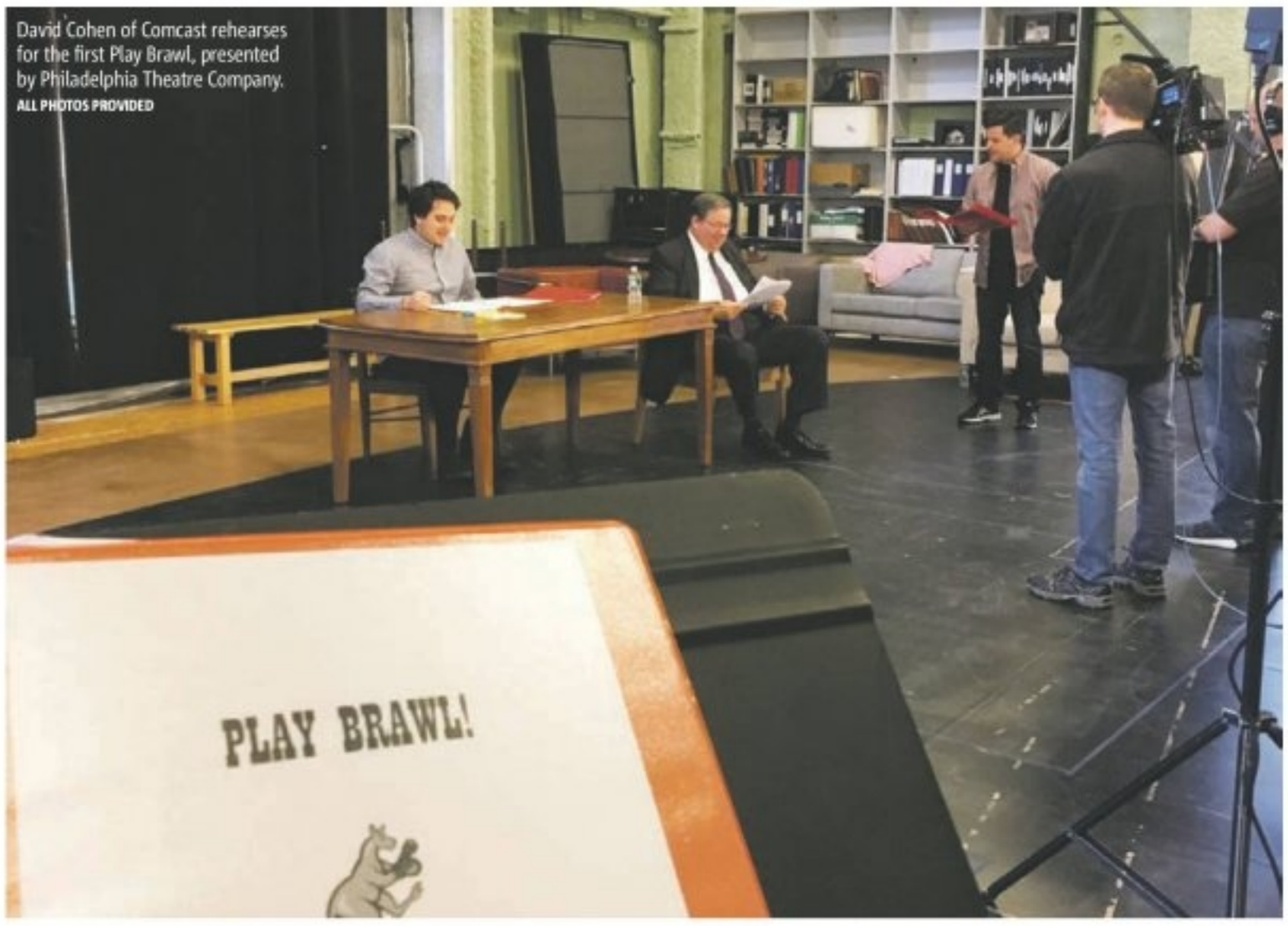

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It's hard to imagine someone like David Cohen being afraid of anything, but the Comcast powerhouse has admitted he's a little bit nervous about tonight. For the first time in his life, he's performing onstage at Philadelphia Theatre Company's first Play Brawl.

The brainchild of Paige Price, producing artistic director at PTC, Play Brawl will feature Philadelphia business leaders acting out famous scenes from stage and screen, all in the name of raising funds for the organization.

"I am so petrified by this entire experience, that I'm not sure practicing is a solution to the problem," he jokes. "Good actors are capable of putting on a performance outside of their comfort zones. This is certainly outside of my comfort zone, so we'll see how I do."

Cohen will be tackling Jack Nicholson's role from the film "A Few Good Men," performing with PTC Board Member Glenn Gundersen and local actor Steve Pacek.

"I didn't choose the scene. I've delivered myself into the hands of Paige Price," he says. "It shows how much confidence I have in her."

Other business leaders performing include John Fry, president of Drexel University; Judith M. von Seldeneck, founder and shairman, Diversified Search and

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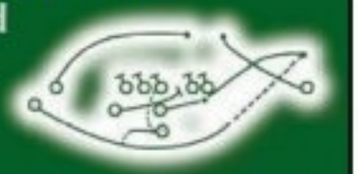

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Play Brawl takes place tonight at the Suzanne Roberts Theatre.

Paige Price is the producing artistic director of the Philadelphia Theatre Company.

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Play Brawl attendees will enjoy a cocktail reception before the performances. Then they'll make their way to the theatre where they can vote for their favorite act by making tax-free donations through a mobile bidding app. It's kind of like "So You Think You Can Dance" but with acting.

Despite his pre-show jitters, Cohen thinks the idea is a welcome change from stuffy galas with unending dinners.

"The whole concept is to the credit of Paige. Instead of doing your normal, somewhat boring, gala that every nonprofit does, here's a concept for a gala that plays on the strength of what PTC is about — the importance of acting," he says.

"Business leaders need to step up and support these arts and cultural organizations, or we'll lose them."

David Cohen of Comcast

Cohen can't stress enough how important it is for businesses to support the arts in Philadelphia — and not just the larger cultural organizations.

"Business leaders need to step up and support these arts and cultural organizations, or we'll lose them," he says. "I'm hoping that my role as a leader for PTC will help provide business community leadership for other smaller arts and cultural establishments in town. In many ways, they're the lifeblood of the arts in Philadelphia."

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Chef Dawid Piescik

Cheesesteaks are the *second* best sandwich in Philly.

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Dawid Piescik is the new executive chef at Cinder Copper and Lace and has revamped the menu, with a focus on the classic cuisines of France, Italy and the Mediterranean. Originally from Poland, Piescik got his start working in the kitchen of his parent's tiny bistro, which was run out of their three-bedroom apartment.

"Ever since then I knew I was going to end up in a kitchen. The idea of creating something new, unique and delicious has always pushed me toward being the best chef I could be," he says.

By age 16, he was working in professional kitchens and later got his degree from Community College of Philadelphia.

Since then, he's worked at Philly restaurants like Modo Mio and Monsu, before starting at Cinder Copper and Lace.

When he's not in the kitchen, he enjoys dining out and yoga.

"This business is stressful enough, and everyone needs a something to center their mind and body."

Piescik tells us why cheesesteaks are Philly's second-best sandwich and where to eat the best falafel in town.

Best late-night meal?
There is a small Japanese speakeasy called Royal Izakaya (780 S. 2nd St.) in South Philly that does the best late-night chirashi bowls, it's a bit of rice, a bit of fish and all love.

Best meal under $10?
The best falafel spot in Philly, Goldie (1526 Sansom St.), makes me happy that chickpeas exist.

Best hidden gem?
When I walk into a smoky, hot basement in South Philly, the last thing I expected was food, good or otherwise, but 12 Steps Down (831 Christian St.) does the best burger in the city, hands down. Fresh Sarcone's rolls, freshly ground beef from Esposito's and smoke from the bar.

Best place to dine alone?
When I'm eating alone, I don't like to be lonely. I want a lot going on around me, so I head to Midtown Village to BRU Craft and Wurst (1316 Chestnut St.) for a pint, some fried pickles and the best housemade sausage. There's always tons of people during happy hour and dinner, and the conversation at the bar is always friendly.

Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?
People come to Philly and want to try a cheesesteak. What they fail to realize is that a cheesesteak is only the second-best sandwich in the city. The title of the best goes to the roast pork, and the best roast pork is at Paesano's on Girard (148 W. Girard Ave.).

Go-to date spot?
There's nothing more romantic than a good French bistro, and nobody does it better than The Good King Tavern (614 S. 7th St.) in South Street Headhouse District. Sharing a plate of their mushroom croquettes can get very steamy.

Best place to catch up with friends?
Johnny Brenda's (1201 Frankford Ave.) is one of my favorite places to hang out and catch up. There's a pool table, they make a good old-fashioned and they always have good oysters on special.

Most Instagrammable restaurant?
Few things are as pretty as a well-presented dish, and to me, meat on bread looks the best, which is why I love Destination Dogs (1111 Walnut St.). Their duck sausage with shaved foie gras always hits the spot.

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Which position group is strongest, weakest currently on Eagles roster?

How does the Eagles roster measure up position by position?

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It's extremely hard to pinpoint any roster weaknesses as the Eagle prioritize their needs for the upcoming NFL draft. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles went out and addressed one of their biggest areas of need back on Wednesday, inking former Packers tight end Richard Rodgers to a one-year deal to back up Zach Ertz.

This move not only likely closes the window of opportunity for cut fan favorite Brent Celek to return, it also may have narrowed the Eagles' scope of needs in the NFL draft later this month.

With two quality tight ends now aboard, the team may focus more on its other big areas of need — particularly at offensive line. Which leads us to ask the question: What exactly are the Eagles' weaknesses (on paper)?

1. Quarterback

Additions: A healthy Carson Wentz

Carson Wentz would have been the NFL's MVP if he were healthy, and Nick Foles, the Eagles' backup, did win the Super Bowl MVP. They combined in the regular season for 3,967 yards and 38 touchdowns to just nine interceptions. Both return next season.

2. Defensive Line

Additions: Michael Bennett, Haloti Ngata
Subtractions: Vinny Curry

Here is a list of the players the Eagles will have rushing the passer from their front four in 2018: Fletcher Cox, Brandon Graham, Timmy Jernigan, Derek Barnett, Michael Bennett and Haloti Ngata. That's pretty intimidating, and opposing offensive lines will get little rest facing a ferocious rotation that could contain nothing but Pro Bowl talent.

3. Offensive Line

Additions: A healthy Jason Peters

The Eagles' offensive line has the chance to be absolutely elite again but it will need to stay healthy. Jason Peters looks destined to return to anchor the unit at age 36, with Pro Bowler Lane Johnson returning at the other tackle. Jason Kelce is still at center with Pro Bowler Brandon Brooks at guard and either Stefen Wisniewski or Isaac Seumalo starting at left guard. Adding depth to this unit will be a draft priority.

4. Pass Catchers

Additions: Mike Wallace, Richard Rodgers
Subtractions: Torrey Smith, Brent Celek

Alshon Jeffery is here for the long haul after signing a monster extension this offseason as is Zach Ertz. The two should be on fantasy football leaderboards next season. Nelson Agholor takes his spot again at the slot after a breakout year in 2017 that justified his first-round status. Newcomers Rodgers (at tight end) and Mike Wallace (at wideout) will add depth and speed. Mack Hollins could be this year's Agholor, and the team could look to the draft for its fifth wide receiver.

5. Linebackers

Additions: Corey Nelson

Jordan Hicks will return in the middle, with Nigel Bradham back after signing a big contract extension. They'll be joined by Mychal Kendricks (unless he's traded) to round out a very talented trio of staring linebackers. The reason LB is fifth on our list is depth — though newly signed Corey Nelson could help change that.

6. Running Backs

Subtractions: LeGarrette Blount, Darren Sproles (for now)

Jay Ajayi will have a full season as the Eagles' featured back flanked by postseason hero Corey Clement. Darren Sproles is also rumored to be interested in returning, giving the Eagles a pretty potent running attack again behind their stout line.

7. Defensive Backs

Additions: Daryl Worley
Subtractions: Patrick Robinson

Malcolm Jenkins and Rodney McLeod are unsung heros on defense and among the best safety tandems in the NFL, returning for their third season together. The cornerbacks are young but filled with potential as Ronald Darby, Jalen Mills, Sidney Jones, Daryl Worley (acquired in a trade) and Rasul Douglas will line up in an exciting secondary. The inexperience and lack of depth at safety is the worry here.

8. Special Teams

Subtractions: Donnie Jones

Jake Elliott became a star last season, but Donnie Jones is gone and the Eagles have really no true return stud on the roster.

Fighting 'The King' for third

The Sixers will play Cleveland in perhaps their most meaningful regular season game in half a decade. A win over LeBron James and the Cavaliers — with Joel Embiid still sidelined — will put the Sixers in sole possession of third place in the Eastern Conference with three games to play. Tip off is at 7 p.m. GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies' forgettable first week: A look at the good, the bad and the ugly

It's been hard to watch the 2018 Phillies, literally and figuratively.

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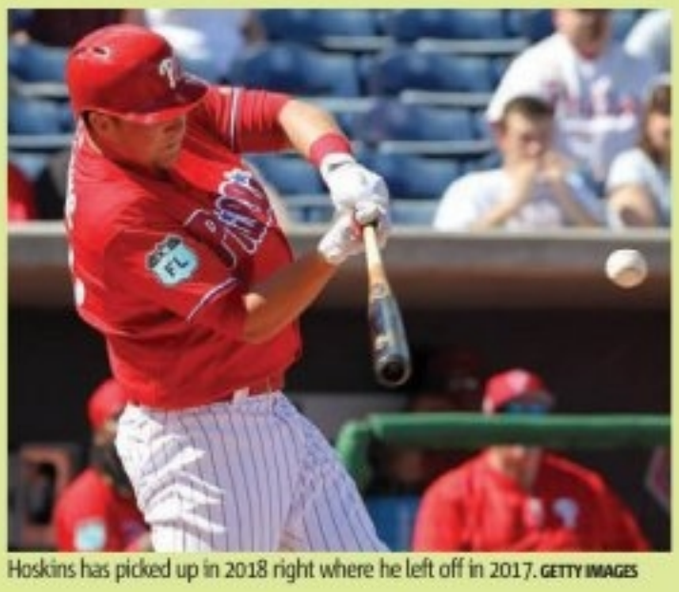
One week of baseball is in the books for the 2018 Phillies, and there's a lot to dig through so far. This young team is off to a dreadful 1-4 start (though they did play better Thursday against the Marlins, to be sure).

There's plenty of baseball to be played and adjustments to be made. Manager Gabe Kapler is under the national microscope based on some of the decisions he's made in the past week, like making a ton of pitching changes against Atlanta or overmanaging again while in New York.

Here is the good, the bad and the ugly from the first week of baseball:

GOOD



Hoskins has picked up in 2018 right where he left off in 2017. GETTY IMAGES

Rhys Hoskins

Rhys Hoskins had the golden bat in 2017, hitting for 18 home runs and 48 RBI in just 50 games. He has continued his strong play of last season into 2018. Hoskins batted .471 with one home run and three RBI in his first 17 at bats. It's a promising start for the 25-year-old who has high expectations surrounding him. He's lived up to them so far.

Scott Kingery

Everyone who's been following the Phillies the past couple years heard rumblings of the name Scott Kingery. The super utility man who just signed to a six-year deal in the offseason has had a solid debut for the team to start the season. In 14 at bats, Kingery is batting .286 which is tied for second on the team.

BAD

Starting pitchers

Phillies' starting pitchers are still winless in 2018. Aaron Nola, Ben Lively, Nick Pivetta and Vince Velasquez are 0-2 so far and only Nola has shown any semblance of consistency on the mound. In two starts, Nola has an ERA of 2.61 with seven strikeouts and three earned runs. The rest of the pitchers have combined for 12 strikeouts, while giving up nine runs.

Jake Arrieta's debut can't come soon enough.

J.P. Crawford

The Phillies' rookie shortstop is off to a very rough start at the plate. In his first 15 at bats, he's hit just .067 with one hit and one walk. His on-base percentage will need to rise for him to remain an everyday starter in the lineup.

UGLY

Gabe Kapler

Manager Gabe Kapler is already in the hot seat after just five games with the Phillies. From pulling Aaron Nola after only 68 pitches in a shutout in the team's opener to trying to send out reliever Hoby Milner without a warm-up in their third game, his decisions have garnered plenty of criticism during the Phillies' 1-4 start. Not to mention, the Phillies have already had to send a position player to the mound due to running out of bullpen options in their second game. This is not what fans were expecting.

Facebook streaming

The Phillies and Mets played the first-ever Major League Baseball game that was strictly broadcast on Facebook Wednesday. It had many issues that left fans upset, like a lagging and freezing picture, banners and scoreboards that blocked much of the screen and many elderly fans who felt like they were being alienated by MLB. The numbers will say that at one point over 80,000 viewers were watching the feed, but the general consensus from many was that it was one of the worst viewing experiences they've ever had for a baseball game.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is providing an opportunity for public review and comment on proposed revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan (Administrative Plan). The proposed revisions address requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Final Rule on Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR). The document is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
2850 Germantown Ave 1st Floor

Scattered Sites Management Offices:
Abbottsford Homes – 3226 McMichael Street Wilson Park – 2500 Jackson Street
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PHA will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the Administrative Plan. PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location:

April 18, 2018 at 10AM
1800 South 32nd Street
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The public comment period begins on April 6, 2018 at 12:00 noon and ends on May 7, 2018 at 12:00 noon. All comments must be received at PHA's office by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to:

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The second time around is just as nice for Villanova

Wildcat fans turned out in large numbers in the cold to celebrate another national title.

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Coach Jay Wright didn't expect this. He figured coming off the heels of an Eagles' Super Bowl championship, folks might be partied out and skip Villanova's second NCAA championship parade in three years. Especially factoring in the chill in the air. He was wrong. Turns out everyone still loves a parade.

They jammed Market Street for 10 blocks, even before the official start of the parade route, carrying Nova Nation signs and holding up giant blue Vs. Keeping warm, office workers joined in the celebration from their windows. And it was packed inside Dilworth Plaza for the ceremony, with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney confessing he'd become a Wildcats fan — even though he graduated from La-Salle — before the players were introduced one by one.

The only thing missing from this parade was Jason Kelce strutting among the fans, though admittedly the turnout here wasn't quite the same.

Some 30 minutes later, when it was over, Wright was still at a loss.

"I didn't think there'd be as many people today," said the leader of the Cats, who made it a point to stress that Villanova is very much a Philadelphia team. "I thought following the Eagles and the fact we did this two years ago people might not come out. But this is unbelievable."

Jalen Brunson, who's expected to be named John R. Wooden "Player of the Year" tonight in Los Angeles, had just one complaint.

"It was a lot warmer last time," said Brunson, one of several shivering Wildcats. "But this is still great."

Brunson, who was serenaded by Villanova fans pleading "one more year," along with Mikal Bridges and even championship game star Donte DiVincenzo, will put all thoughts about turning pro on hold until next week, according to Wright, who'll receive the Wooden Legends of Coaching Award tonight in L.A.

Villanova is hoping their second march down Market Street in two years won't be their last. JENNIFER KERRIGAN

"I'm having a hard time getting a grasp on that," Wright admitted. "Anything connected with John Wooden is such an honor. It will be really special."

But it will be awfully hard to top what he and his players experienced again, leaving them greedy for more.

After two titles in three years, who wants to bet against them?

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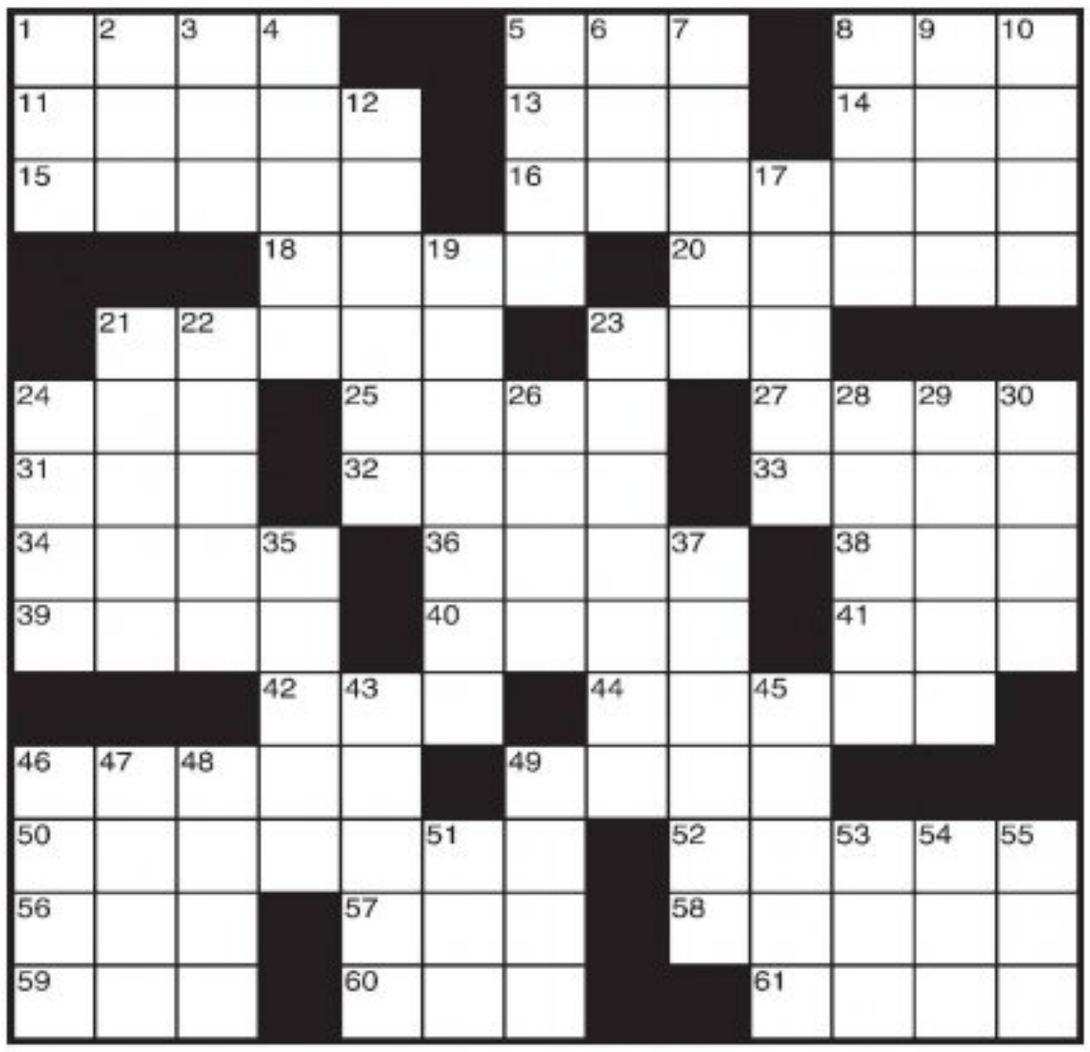
5 Ms. Lovelace
8 Galley mover
11 Make glad
13 Sultry – West
14 "Westworld" network
15 Impede
16 Strait opposite
18 Model's position
20 Disgusting
21 Bandleader Count –
23 Mail pouch
24 Ballerina's hairdo
25 Tagged along
27 Appends
31 URL suffix
32 Big – – elephant
33 Run amok
34 Journey on foot
36 "– – Around"
38 Oomph
39 Grail descriptor
40 Ta-ta in Turin
41 Picnic pest
42 Sitcom planet
44 Binding
46 Salad days
49 Climb a rope
50 Ravines
52 Cathedral parts
56 Enclosure
57 Mohawk-sporting actor (2 wds.)
58 Grind, as teeth
59 Mayday message
60 Daughter of Hyperion
61 Write on metal

DOWN

1 Daffodil digs
2 Fiesta cheer 3 Angkor –
4 Treads
5 Marie's pal
6 German article
7 Humana rival
8 Units of resistance
9 Just touch
10 Optimistic
12 Beethoven's Third
17 Comic strip Viking
19 What landlubbers get
21 Long-eared animal
22 Tree topper
23 Under
24 This and that
26 Astrologers of yore
28 Couch
29 Performing
30 Mo. bill
35 Temple city of Japan
37 Fiddling with
43 June, moon, spoon
45 Senseless
46 Mouths, slangily
47 Black-and-white snack
48 Coffee servers
49 Former JFK arrivals
51 Gold, in Peru
53 Fermenting tank
54 PC bailout key
55 Quiet!



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Aries Trust only yourself when it comes to negotiations and dealing with private matters. Refuse to let anyone limit your ability to control what's important to you.

Taurus Taking a short trip, getting involved in a joint venture with someone unique is favored. Taking care of an elder's personal affairs will be enlightening.

Gemini If someone wants something from you, check his or her motives before you agree. Try not to get sucked into someone else's dilemma or a manipulative plea for help.

Cancer Look for alternative solutions when dealing with argumentative people. Refuse to let an outsider interfere in your personal affairs. A creative outlet will help relieve stress.

Leo When it comes to investments, balance will be necessary. Easy come, easy go can be expected if you aren't diligent about saving and financial prudence.

Virgo Check out possibilities and discuss plans with someone heading in a similar direction as you. An unusual combination of people skills will help you turn a dream into a reality.

Libra Changes at home may be difficult to adjust to at first, but as time passes you will see beneficial results. Do what's best for you and do things that will benefit your happiness.

Scorpio Offering to help a former coworker will lead to a new beginning and a chance to pick up where you left off. Favors will be granted.

Sagittarius Learn from your mistakes. People don't change, so don't give someone who has let you down a second chance to do so again. Concentrate on yourself and your health.

Capricorn A chance to make a financial gain is apparent, but it should be devoid of risk. Deal with experts to ensure that you are following all the rules and regulations.

Aquarius Emotional tactics will be used to coerce you into donating money to or helping someone who is capable but lazy. Listen carefully and question what's being asked of you.

Pisces It's OK to do things differently; that's what distinguishes you from others. Put your energy into something that could lead to long-term rewards. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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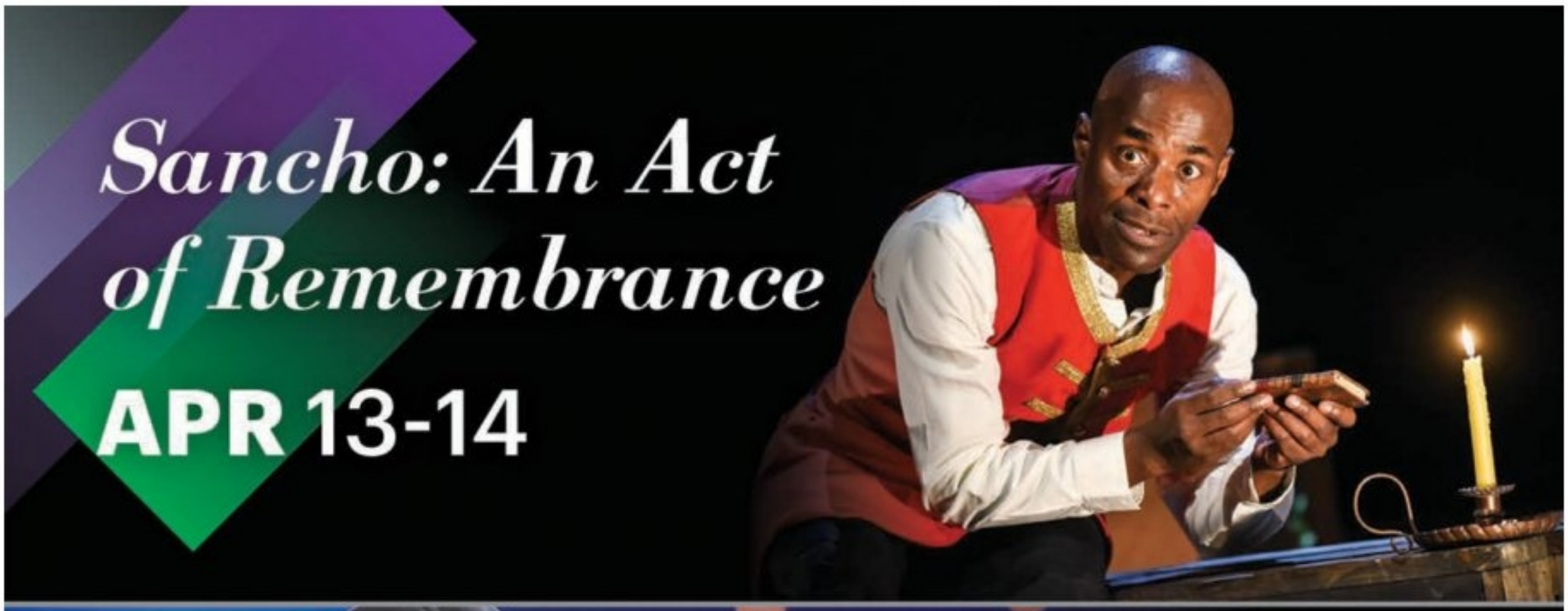

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